

REMARKS

Summary of Office Action

Claims 55-78 were pending in the above-identified patent application.

The Examiner found that there were allegedly two distinct inventions in the above-identified patent application and required restriction to one of those inventions, as follows:

Group I: Claims 55-71, drawn to "a semiconductor device";* and

Group II: Claims 72-78, drawn to "a signal splitter."

Applicants' Election

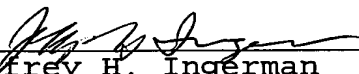
Applicants provisionally elect without traverse, for examination in this application, the invention of Group I (claims 55-71).

Cancellation of Nonelected Claims

Applicants have cancelled nonelected claims 72-78 without prejudice. Those claims are being re-presented in a divisional application being filed concurrently herewith.

An early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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* Applicants note that these claims are actually drawn to "a semiconductor."